

SQUIB'S FROM WATER FRONT

NEPHTHYS CAPTURES TILEFISH WHILE FISHING NEAR MIDDLE BANK

A 12-pound tile fish wandered into the net of the trawler Nephthys, Capt. Lemuel Barnes, Wednesday afternoon, while the boat was fishing near Middle Bank. This rare species was rather far from home, since it is located mostly in southern waters. After being landed at Hall & Murray's, it was claimed by Charles McPhee, the boat's owner, and taken to the Hesperus diner, where it will probably take its place in a frying pan.

Webster says that the tile fish is a large, deep water fish with round yellow spots, and an odd growth on the back of the head. Furthermore, they were as numerous as the buffalo on the Western plains, back in the early '80's on the Atlantic coast, but today are seldom caught along the North Atlantic.

Capt. Jack Brown is taking the Imperator, and Capt. Matthew Sears, the William L. Putnam, haddocking, "somewhere in the North Atlantic," and won't come back until their holds are occupied with the deep sea habits.

From Riverport, comes the news that Capt. Collins Winters, who has the Arthur D. Storv, was home recently for a few days, arriving there from Liverpool, Nova Scotia.

Two golden haddock, an uncommon variety, weighing seven pounds each, were included in the catch of the C2146, Capt. Courtney McDonald, Wednesday, off Tillie's Bank, and landed at Hall & Murray's. Believe you me, they are almost too pretty to eat.

Ever hear of the closed season on mackerel catching? There was such a government law back in the '80's, when the experts were afraid that the choice dish would be lost unless the fish were allowed enough time to spawn. No schooner could use its seines or nets until June 1, and the area in that vicinity was mobbed by a legion of craft awaiting the hour when they could set sail for the schools. It reminded them of the scenes attending the middle western land claiming drive. The hardship to the Gloucester fishermen was that the Nova Scotians were getting in on the market ahead of the local crews, and when the ban was lifted, the market had slumped badly. So on July 6, 1890, at a meeting of the Master Mariners, Capt. Joseph Smith moved that the government be requested to change the opening date to May 15, so that the Gloucesterites might have a chance.

Then again there's the time about 20 years ago when the mackerel themselves declared a closed season and went into hiding, so much so that they had to get the government to find the wary fish, and the late Capt. Jerry E. Cook of this city took the United States Fisheries Commission boat to locate the fugitives.

Capt. Stilson Hibson will take the sch. Teaser on a Rip fishing trip the first of the week. Handlining will be the method and Georges, the destination.

Capt. Dave Keating is getting his seines ready to take the Mary F. Curtis south, and will leave with the fleet about the tenth of next month.

The Natalie II, which is dragging at present, will change over shortly to seining, and with Capt. Anthony Linquata in command, will sail toward the waters of the Southern Cross, in search of mackerel.

FRESH LANDING FELL OFF TODAY

FLEET LANDED FARES MOSTLY OF COD—TWO HAVE 6000 POUNDS.

Local fresh fish receipts here fell off from yesterday, and the total catch was 37,000 pounds, mostly cod, nine trawlers having 21,000 pounds, three draggers 12,000 pounds, and four gill netters with 5600 pounds.

The dragger Capt. Drum and trawler C1139, reported 6000 pounds each, while the gill netter Enterprise with 2200 pounds of cod led the latter fleet, most of which remained in port due to the over-abundance of wind outside. Capt. Howard Tobey arrived in port in the Mary W., from Cape May. The craft is scheduled to go on Burnham's railways this afternoon for a general overhauling before leaving for the south again with the seining fleet.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Minerva, trawling, 1500 lbs. cod.
Grace A., trawling, 5000 lbs. cod and haddock.
703E, trawling, 1500 lbs. mixed fish, mostly cod.
C1139, trawling, 6000 lbs. cod.
Six Brothers, trawling, 3000 lbs. cod.
St. Rosalie, dragging, 5000 lbs. mixed fish.
Jones Brothers, trawling, 1300 lbs. mixed fish.
Kale Tysver, trawling, 800 lbs. mixed fish.
Whiffen, trawling, 500 lbs. mixed fish.
Mary W., via Cape May, 500 lbs. flukes.
Capt. Drum, dragger 6000 lbs. mixed fish.
Rose Marie, dragger, 1000 lbs. mixed fish.
B842, trawler, 1400 lbs. cod.
Oretha F. Spinney, via Boston.

Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.

Enterprise, 2200 lbs. cod.
Phyllis A., 1600 lbs. cod.
Liboria C., 1000 lbs. cod.
C. A. Meister, 800 lbs. cod.

On the Railways.

The Aeolus and Mary W., are on Parkhurst's marine railways for a general overhauling.

The Irene and Mabel is on Burnham's railways for a general overhauling.

The C. A. Meister and Serafina N., are on Rocky Neck railways for painting.

Loubyrne in Halifax.

Trawler Loubyrne arrived yesterday from the banks with about 80,000 pounds of fish for the Leonard Fisheries.

Smelt Fishing Closed.

Under the Fishery Regulations for Nova Scotia no one may fish for or take smelts from April 1 to July inclusive.

Yessiree! The netters are waiting for next Tuesday when they will slip moorings and head for the Virginia Capes, everyone of them striving to be the first to land a catch of mackerel. Over a dozen will comprise this advance guard, which is hardly anywhere near the usual number. Capt. Edward A. Proctor, president of the Master Mariners, a veteran skipper of the netters, can remember the days when over 200 sail were included in the Gloucester fleet sailing south during this time of year.

The Oretha F. Spinney came down from Boston last night, and with her, Capt. Cecil Moulton who will command the Pilgrim on a halibut trip. Capt. Moulton expects to get away sometime next week. The Pilgrim is fitting out at the Atlantic Supply Company.

FAIR RECEIPTS AT BOSTON PIER

TOTAL RECEIPTS OF NEARLY HALF MILLION POUNDS— MARKET DULL.

A fleet of 17 craft arrived at the Boston Fish Pier this morning with 407,000 pounds of groundfish and 80,000 pounds of mixed fish. The market was not very brisk, although the price of haddock was fairly good on the opening. This variety sold for \$2.25 to \$3. Codfish was cheap at \$1.25 to \$1.50 for large and \$1.25 to \$1.35 for markets.

The Yarmouth steamer brought a shipment of 53 crates of live lobsters. With improved weather conditions the Nova Scotia lobstermen who have been hampered by gales during the last few weeks are hopeful of taking increased catches. Already some of the LaHave interests are planning to put three boats into service to haul lobsters to the Boston market this spring.

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The arrivals and fares in detail:
Str. Heckla, 7000 haddock, 155,000 cod, 8000 mixed fish.
Str. Ebb, 72,000 haddock, 21,000 cod, 28,000 mixed fish.
Elvira Gaspar, 22,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 4800 mixed fish.
Leretha, 17,000 haddock, 8000 mixed fish.
Geraldine and Phyllis, 15,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 3500 mixed fish.
Venture II., 26,000 haddock, 4300 cod, 11,000 mixed fish.
Yankee, 18,000 haddock, 6500 cod, 11,000 mixed fish.
New Dawn, 200 haddock, 800 cod, 8500 mixed fish.
Rose and Lucy, 8000 mixed fish.
Lawrence Scola, 4500 mixed fish.
Clarence B. Mitchell, 1500 mixed fish.
Fannie F. Hickey, 9000 mixed fish.
Eddie and Lulu M., 5000 mixed fish.
Josie II., 5900 mixed fish.
Frances, 4500 mixed fish.
Rosie, 3000 mixed fish.
St. Michael Angelo, 2000 mixed fish.
Annie and Josephine, 4500 mixed fish.
San Antonio, 3200 mixed fish.
Kid Roberts, 2000 mixed fish.
Mary Grace, 3600 mixed fish.
Four boats, 11,000 mixed fish.
Haddock, \$2.25 to \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$1.25 to \$1.50; market cod, \$1.25 to \$1.35; hake, \$4; pollock, \$1.30; cusk, \$1.50; gray sole, 3 cents per pound; lemon sole, 7 to 8 cents; black backs, 3 cents; yellow tails, 2 cents; dabs, 1 cent; catfish, 1½ cents.

Speaking of that proposed trip to Washington as planned by those who want to take the International racer Gertrude L. Thebaud to the Capital, where they might confer with the legislators in hopes to raise money for the fisheries, it would be most fitting if one of the party might be Louis A. Thebaud, termed once by Congressman A. Platt Andrew, as the "Lipton of America." This ardent financial backer of the great fishermen races, is nationally known for his keen interest in Gloucester and the fisheries, and would be able to impress others of his high estate with the worthiness of the cause. Not only that, but those who will pay homage to the Thebaud wherever she makes port, should also have the chance to salute the fine gentleman who has helped to make these races possible.

Capt. Howard Tobey has arrived from the south with the Mary W., after spending the winter dragging. Capt. Tobey will fit for mackerel seining.